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A PROCLAMATION,

Discharging the Exportation of Viſtual.



WILLIAM and **MARY** by the Grace of **GOD**, King and Queen of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith, To

Macers of Our Privy Council, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch, as by the Twelfth Act of the Third Session of the First Parliament of King *Charles* the Second, Intituled, *Act for encouragement of Tillage and Pasturage*; It is expressly provided, that when the Lords of Our Privy Council shall judge it necessary, for the good of this Our Ancient Kingdom, and preventing of Dearth, they may discharge the Exportation of Viſtual of all sorts, for so long time as they shall think expedient. And We, and the Lords of Our Privy Council considering, That by the laying up of Meal in the Stores of Our Castles of *Edinburgh*, *Strivling*, and *Dumbartoun*, and the providing of Magazines for the use of Our Forces, which are now in the Fields, there may be Fears and Apprehensions of a Dearth and Scarcety of Viſtual: And We being informed, that there is plenty of Viſtual, and all other Provisions necessary for the use of Our Forces within Our Kingdom of *Ireland*. Therefore We, with Advice and Consent of Our Privy Council, Do hereby Prohibite and Discharge the Exportation of any Meal, Oats and Pease for Sale from this Kingdom to any Kingdom, Port, or Place whatsoever, during Our Royal Pleasure, under the pain of Confiscation of the Ships, and whole Goods and Gear belonging to the Masters thereof, and Merchants, Transporters of the said Viſtual, and the Imprisonment of their Persons during Our Pleasure, conform to the 55 *Act*, *Parl. 11. King Ja. 6.* And We Command all Our Collectors, Surveyers, Waiters and others, to make all diligent Search, that no Viſtual be Shipped Aboard any Ship or Bark, to be transported forth of this Kingdom, more than is necessary for the Viſtualing thereof, under all highest pains; and to seize, and cause seize upon the same, to be Confiscat in manner foresaid: And We require all Magistrates of Our Burghs-Royal, Sheriffs of our Shires, and Justices of Peace, to give all due Concurrence for preventing the Export of Meal, Oats, and Pease, in manner above-mentioned. And Ordains these presents to be Printed, and Published at the Mercat Cross of *Edinburgh*, and other places needful, that none may pretend ignorance.

Given under Our Signet, at *Holy-rude-house*, the Twenty one day of *June*, One thousand six hundred and ninety years, and of Our Reign the Second Year.

Per Actum Dominorum Sti. Concilii.

GILB. ELIOT *Cls. Sti. Concilii.*

GOD Save K. WILLIAM and Q. MARY.

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